REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	07 January 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Mangas13
Other Known Titles:	!cresc24.gif, blue 01.jpg to blue30.jpg (31 files)
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Disk -3 1/2"
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Not Applicable

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The 3½" computer disk entitled *Mangas13*, also known as *!cresc24.gif, blue01.jpg to blue30.jpg (31 files)* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The disk is classified as objectionable because of the representations of women being subjected to violence in association with sexual conduct, and their being degraded and dehumanised for the purpose of titillation. This leads to the conclusion that the publication represents women as inherently inferior to men through the idea that men have a proprietary interest in the sexuality of women.

The disk contains 31 graphic image files that are in the form of coloured animated cartoon illustrations that are in the Manga style. They explicitly depict sexual activity between two women and a mythical creature that possesses a number of body parts that are of a phallic shape. Thirty of the 31 files present strong images involving violence in association with sexual conduct, where women are depicted being restrained by the creature as it engages in sexual activity with them in a forceful manner. The remaining file is of a naked woman who is bound and positioned in a submissive manner. The impact of the images is strong given the high resolution nature of the images that gives them an almost three dimensional character.

The availability of the computer disk is likely to be injurious to the public good because of its presentation and utilisation of women. The fantastical nature of the images, although appearing to have little or no relationship to reality, creates a highly eroticised image of violence in association with sexual conduct and women as sexual objects. The images exploit such a perception of women by objectifying them as property devoid of individual human qualities. The sexual representation of women in this form suggests that women can be objectified in any manner and in any form for the purpose of serving the function of the sexual titillation of a male audience.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) has been considered in classifying this computer disk. In this instance, the classification of objectionable is considered to be a reasonable limit of s14 of the NZBR Act. This is because the strong images of women being subjected to violence in association with sexual conduct, and manner in which the computer disk degrades and dehumanises woman and represents them as being inherently inferior means the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good.

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